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FOLLOWING REPEAT SAN JOSE 783ACTION SECSTATE CARACAS
SAN SALVADOR TEGUCIGALPA INFO GUATEMALA MANAGUA PANAMA

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QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN JOSE 0783

CARACAS FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS FROM TODMAN

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, H.A.)

SUBJECT: MEETING OF CENTRAL AMERICAN PRESIDENTS WITH SECRETARY

1. FACIO TOLD ME MIDDAY TODAY THAT HE HAS IMPRESSION THAT
PRESIDENT MOLINA OF SALVADOR WILL NOT REPEAT NOT ATTEND MEETING OF
CENTRAL AMERICAN PRESIDENTS WITH SECRETARY HOSTED BY PRESIDENT
ODUBER. ALSO, GIVEN SECRETARY'S PLANNED STOP IN GUATEMALA, FACIO
DOES NOT EXPECT LAGUERUD EITHER. IN VIEW THESE DEVELOPMENTS--
ESPECIALLY NON-ATTENDANCE OF SALVADOREAN--FACIO SAID THAT
PRESIDENT MELGAR OF HONDURAS IS CONSIDERING NOT COMING AS WELL.
FACIO WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH HONDURAN FOREIGN MINISTER RE MELGAR
ATTENDANCE OVER NEXT TWO DAYS.

2. IN THE EVENT THAT MELGAR DOES NOT ATTEND, FACIO ASKED, HOW
DOES U.S. FEEL--WHAT IS U.S. PREFERENCE--ABOUT HAVING ONLY
PRESIDENTS SOMOZA, TORRIJOS, AND ODUBER AND THREE FOREIGN
MINISTERS AS OPPOSED TO DISSUADING SOMOZA AND TORRIJOS (AND HAVING
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ONLY FOREIGN MINISTERS)?

3. FACIO WENT ON TO EXPLAIN THAT IT WOULD BE EASY TO WITHDRAW SOMOZA INVITATION.

THE GOCR HAS ALREADY TOLD SOMOZA, IN RESPONSE TO HIS QUERY, THAT THE COSTA RICANS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GUARANTEE AGAINST ANTI-SOMOZA DEMONSTRATIONS IN SAN JOSE. SOMOZA IS CONCERNED; SO ARE THE COSTA RICANS.

4. FACIO SAYS THAT IF IT TURNS OUT THAT ONLY CENTRAL AMERICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS ATTEND THE SAN JOSE MEETING, TORRIJOS WILL OPT OUT.

5. I TOLD FACIO I WOULD GET BACK TO HIM WITH A REPLY ASAP. TODMAN
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